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German Patent No. DE 100 21 986 A1

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European Patent Application No. EP 1 180 508 A1

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The aforementioned references resulted from a search by the applicant and cited by the European Patent Office.

International Patent Publication No. WO 01/85332 A1

U.S. Patent Publication No. US 2003/0017095 A1

International Patent Publication No. WO 03/022418 A1

German Patent No. DE 198 07 018 A1

The aforementioned references were cited in the International Search Report for applicant's corresponding International Application No. PCT/EP2003/000977. A copy of this International Search Report was filed together with the national stage of this application.

Applicant respectfully requests that this prior art be considered during the examination of this application.

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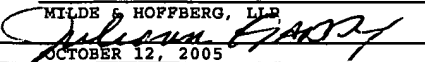
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